

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health  
Vector Control Program

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#### Mosquito Treatment Signs used to Inform Public

In response to residents calling the County Vector Control Office about standing water along flood control channels and other visible water sources, signs will be placed around water sources to let the public know that these sites are being monitored for mosquito breeding (an image of the sign is attached).

"We appreciate the public calling about standing water in storm drains and flood control areas; we are aware of these sites and are testing and treating these areas to kill mosquito larvae," said Joan Mulcare, program manager for San Bernardino Vector Control. Some citizens have expressed concern that these bodies of water be removed but in many cases that is not possible as they were designed to hold or convey water or are used as a water treatment procedure".

"Vector Control has an extensive database of standing water sources and they are checked for mosquito breeding on a regular basis. However, about 90% of all water sources where mosquitoes can breed are on private property, caused by over watering or irrigation systems. That's why it is so important for residents to check their property and neighborhoods for standing water and report these sources to Vector Control Programs," said Mulcare.

The same messages used throughout the mosquito season are still important.

#### Fight the Bite with the 5 Ds

1. Drain or Dump...Remove all standing water around your property where mosquitoes lay eggs such as birdbaths, green swimming pools, ponds, old tires, buckets, clogged gutters, or even puddles from leaky sprinklers.
2. Dawn and Dusk...Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active.
3. Dress...Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long-sleeved shirts that are loose-fitting and light-colored.
4. DEET...Apply insect repellent containing DEET according to manufacturer's directions.
5. Doors...Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering home.

Additional information about prevention of WNV infection and surveillance is available from the San Bernardino County website at [www.sbcounty.gov/dehs/vectorcontrol/westnilevirusinfo.htm](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dehs/vectorcontrol/westnilevirusinfo.htm) <<http://www.sbcounty.gov/dehs/vectorcontrol/westnilevirusinfo.htm>>. Report mosquito biting activity to SBCVCP at (909) 388-4600 or (800) 44-ABATE. Citizens may report dead birds to California Department of Health Services at (877) WNV-BIRD or online at [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) <<http://www.westnile.ca.gov>>.

People living in Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, or Rancho Cucamonga, should contact West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at (909) 627-0931 if they have questions.

